GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Gudivada Municipality - Allegations of misappropriation of funds, corruption and drawing of salary against PH worker in Gudivada Municipality - Disciplinary proceedings instituted against Sri P.V. Ramana, the then Sanitary Inspector, Gudivada Municipality - Inquiry conducted – Imposition of a major penalty of "reduction of three (3) stages in the time scale" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.635 **Dated.19.08.2024.**

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur, Letter RoC.No.1637153/2018/C1-4, dated 01.10.2018 and 08.12.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1157, MA&UD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.20.12.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1160, MA&UD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.20.12.2018.
4. Written Statement of Defense of Sri P.V.Ramana, Sanitary Inspector, dated.14.02.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.288, M.A. & U.D. Dept., dt:29.03.2019 read with G.O.Rt.No.467, M.A. & U.D. Dept., dt:24.07.2019 and G.O.Rt.No.690, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.01.11.2019.
6. From Sri K.Ramesh, RDMA, Visakhapatnam and Inquiry Officer, letter Roc.No. 143/2020/A3, dated.30.01.2021.
7. Govt. Memo.No.1665512/Vig.II/2018, dt:12.07.2021.
8. Written representation of Sri P.V.Ramana, the then Sanitary Inspector, Gudivada Municipality, dated. 06.06.2022.

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O R D E R:-

Whereas, based on the report of the Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., in the reference 1st read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.Samuel, the then Municipal Commissioner and (3) others, Gudiwada Municipality on the irregularities in regularization of absconded period, sanction of increments, fixation of pay in Revised Pay Scales (RPS) and drawl of the pay and allowances for the period from 01.11.2010 to 31.05.2018 in respect of Sri Malligunta Raju, PH worker and misappropriated the Govt. Funds to a tune of Rs.20.89 lakhs. In the reference 3rd read above, charges were framed against Sri P.V. Ramana, the then Sanitary Inspector, Gudivada Municipality.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer submitted her written statement of defence by denying the charges framed against her and requested to drop further action. Having not convinced with the written statement of defence submitted by the charged officer, it has been decided to conduct regular inquiry and after following due procedure, Government appointed an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against all the Charged Officers in the G.O. 5th read above.

3. The Inquiry Authority conducted inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officers and submitted his report, vide reference 6th read above. The Inquiry Authority among others stated that the Charged Officer Sri P.V. Ramana, the then

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Sanitary Inspector, issued duty certificate to Sri M. Raju, PH Worker, Gudivada Municipality as he was working from 1-10-2017 to 31-07-2018 without verification of the muster register as Sri M. Raju PH Worker name was not included in the muster register, which is highly irregular. If the Sanitary Inspector is satisfied to issue duty certificate, he has to prepare an office note with facts of the case and submitted the office note to the Executive Authority through the Section Head and obtained the specific orders from the Executive Authority and prepare the draft duty certificate and get approval from the Executive Authority as the Sanitary Inspector is not the Head of the institution and he has no such powers as per role and responsibilities of Municipal functionaries vide G.O. Ms No. 694, MA, Dated: 17-11-2009 and APM Act-1965. As such, as a result it is very much facilitating to embezzlement of the Government Funds of Rs.20.89 Lakhs. Hence the Charged Officer is colluded with the dealing Assistant of Smt. G. Pavani, the then Senior Assistant, Gudivada Municipality. Moreover, the Inquiry Officer observed that the bills were drawn against Sri M. Raju, PH Worker, at a time for (9) years without following the due procedure. Hence, the explanations of the Charged Officers are not considerable. The Inquiry Officer finally stated that all the (4) Charges framed against him are held proved.

4. In the reference 7th read above, Government have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Officer and communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer Sri P.V.Ramana, the then Sanitary Inspector, and other Charged Officers, with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

5. The charged officer, vide reference 7th read above submitted his written representation and stated that he strongly opposed the allegation that he issued false certificate. Misappropriation of the Govt., funds to a tune of Rs.20.89 lakhs does not related to him and he has no way connected with the financial matters and denied the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action.

6. Government have examined the written representation of delinquent officer, keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the gravity of charges/ the roles & responsibilities of Charged Officer and observed that Sri P.V. Ramana, the then Sanitary Inspector has performed his duties in suspicious manner. Further, he has illegally usurped rightful responsibilities of higher authorities and issued duty certificate to Sri M. Raju, PH Worker without considering his SR/muster register, which cannot be pardonable. Hence, Government decided to impose a major penalty of "reduction of three (3) stages in the time scale" under Rule 9 of A.P. C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991 against him, as all the (4) charges are held proved.

7. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a major penalty of "reduction of three (3) stages in the time scale" against Sri P.V. Ramana, the then Sanitary Inspector, Gudivada Municipality, under Rule 9 of A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991.

8. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri, shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

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9. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.V. Ramana, the then Sanitary Inspector
Gudivada Municipality, through the Director of
Municipal Administation, Mangalagiri.
The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Commissioner, Gudivada Municipality, Gudivada, Krishna District.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
The P.S. to Hon'ble M (MA&UD).
The P.S. to Spl.CS to Govt., MA&UD Dept.,
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

G. Srinu
SECTION OFFICER.